

## Introduction to Children's Homes Supported Accommodation

This annex sets out criteria, which may be useful to a provider of accommodation to young people over the age of 16, to help identify whether the service being proposed or provided is 'supported accommodation' and would therefore not require the provider and manager to register under the Care Standards Act 2000, rather than a children's home, which would require the provider and manager to register.

The table below sets out each criterion in the form of a question and suggests whether a 'yes' or 'no' answer means care is provided or supported accommodation.

Where care is provided, this service meets the definition of a children's home and will usually need to register.

Criteria	Yes?	No?
Can young people go out of the establishment without staff permission?	Supported accommodation	Care
Do young people have full control of their own finances?	Supported accommodation	Care
Do young people have control over what they wear and of the resources to buy clothes?	Supported accommodation	Care
Are young people in charge of meeting all of their health needs, including such things as arranging GP or specialist health care appointments? Are young people in full control of their medication?	Supported accommodation (note that young people may ask for advice and help on their health, but if decisions rest with the young person, the establishment is not providing care.)	Care
Do staff have any access to any medical records?	Care	Supported accommodation
Can young people choose to stay away overnight?	Supported accommodation (note that being expected to tell someone if they are going to be away overnight does not	Care

	indicate providing care but needing to ask someone's permission does.)	
Is there a sanctions policy that goes beyond house rules and legal sanctions that would be imposed on any adult?	Care	Supported accommodation
Is the establishment accommodating both adults and young people, do those under 18 have any different supervision, support, facilities or restrictions?	Supported Accommodation	Care
Do staff have any responsibility for aftercare once a young person has left?	Care (note that some supported accommodation services will offer some support to help young people get established in their next accommodation – this is not care.)	Supported accommodation
Does the establishment's literature promise the provision of care or relate to specific care support provided to all residents?	Care	Supported accommodation
Does the establishment provide or commission a specialist support service, which forms part of the main function of the establishment?	Care	Supported accommodation